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One paper in the home is worth a dozen in the highway. THE DEMOCRAT IS THE HOME PAPER OF Mercer County.

VANDENBOSCH DITCH WORK ORDERED SOLD

Fred Berke Pike Improvement in Marion Township Also Gets Favorable Action.

The Board of County Commissioners, at the meeting last Friday, fixed March 21, at 10 a. m., as the time for the sale of the Vandembosch branch of Wabash ditch, the same to be sold at public outcry at the Commissioners' office. The notice of the sale of the work by County Surveyor Smalley will be found on another page of this issue.

Engineer Smalley last Friday sold the Schweitzerman ditch to Birkmeyer, Meescher & Co., of Coldwater, at their bid of \$75. The work is to be completed on or before April 15.

The Board ordered a refund of \$1, granted to George Pulschke, and same to Allice Paxton of Gibson township, for error in listing dogs.

The Board ordered the improvement of the Fred Berke Pike in Marion township. It was ordered that the roadway be made forty feet wide with a 22 foot grade on top. The road is located and described as follows: Beginning at the northwest corner of Section 31, Town 7 south, Range 3 east; thence following a public road between Sections 31 and 30, 29 and 28, to the northeast corner of Section 22, same town and range, and thence thence.

The following bids were received last Friday and are now payable:

Christ Hovick, brooms.....	\$2.50
Mrs. Caroline Scherer, cleaning Sur- veyor's office.....	4.00
Philip Linn, Auditor.....	15.00
Benj. Riederling, Jr., assisting engineer Karch, Karch & Pihlbaum, extra in- spector on Kitcher pike.....	68.80
W. T. Cole, repairs at jail.....	82
Plumbough & Karch, part 1881 Chickens pike.....	1800.00
Barrett Bros, blankets.....	8.00
Bainort, six 1881, 1882, 1883, 1884, bridge contract.....	182.85
E. B. Vingling, repairs at jail.....	2.25
Johnson & Watson Co., bond records.....	22.50

Pike Directors.
Meeting as a board of pike directors, the Commissioners allowed the following bills: J. W. Karch, pike repair..... \$1925.00
R. E. Spicer, spt. State Line pike..... 34.00
R. E. Hilgert, spt. State Line pike..... 3.00
R. E. Spicer, spt. State Line pike..... 82.00
Wm. Lennartz presented his bond in the sum of \$2000 as superintendent of the State pike.

SERIOUS CHARGE LODGED AGAINST TRO ROKK-FORD MEN

Clifford McKissick, Jesse Mowery and Oscar Hinkle, young men of Rockford, were arrested in that village last Monday evening, charged with stealing chickens from the Stephen Clay poultry house last Friday night. Their arrest grew out of information obtained after the Schunck blood hounds, of this city, had followed a scent from the scene of the robbery to their homes. They walked examining the chickens from the Stephen Clay poultry house, and were bound over to court in the sum of \$200 each. Bond for the trio was furnished by Jacob Adams, grandfather of young McKissick.

The ladies' aid society of the Presbyterian church will meet this afternoon with Mrs. H. J. Cordier, East Market street.

Mrs. Purdy Lacy, of Minot, North Dakota, and Miss Nancy Reed, of Moberly, Mo., are the guests of their cousins, Messrs. Amanda and Orlin Palmer, at the Moberly home, West Wayne street. They will also visit relatives near Montgomery. This is their first visit to Ohio since 1882.

HANDLE WITH CARE

By Charles Webster Kimball

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Just before the breaking out of the war between China and Japan in 1894, Richard Breck had been commissioned as ensign in the United States navy, and was looking forward to a placid cruise on one of the ships of the North Atlantic squadron. But like most youngsters who have just doffed a midday's uniform and blossomed out into a real officer, Dick Breck was at heart a thrill for the glory of actual warfare, and hearing that commissions in the Chinese navy were to be had for the asking by graduates of Annapolis, he determined to secure a leave of absence and try for one. Through family influence in the department, he obtained a six-months' leave, with the assurance of an extension for three months. With this arranged, he engaged a berth in a sleeper of the Overland Mail, crossed to San Francisco, and within a week was on the Pacific bound for Shanghai. From that port a coastwise steamer took him, by way of Chefoo, to Port Arthur. This was before that stronghold had fallen into the hands of the Japanese, and there he found Admiral Charles, an Englishman and former sub-lieutenant in the British navy, at the head of Chinese naval affairs. Breck soon came to an understanding with the admiral, and left the office carrying in his pocket a commission as fleet officer in the Chinese navy, an officer corresponding to that of captain in the United States service.

Next day Breck waited upon the admiral and received his sailing orders.

ENTERTAINMENT FOR BENEFIT SWAMP SCHOOL LIBRARY

There will be an entertainment at the Swamp school-house, a few miles west of this city, to-morrow (Saturday) night, the 24th. No admission will be charged, but a free will offering will be taken for the benefit of the library at that place. The friends of education and the school are invited to attend the affair, and are promised an enjoyable evening.

WOMAN'S MIND WEAKENS UNDER RELIGIOUS EXCITEMENT

Mrs. Sophia Garman, wife of Stephen Garman, of Hopewell township, was adjudged insane at an inquest held before Probate Judge Dugan last Tuesday afternoon. Mrs. Garman, who is 47 years old, lost her reason last Sunday morning, seemingly over religion. Sunday night she became violent and Monday attempted to drown herself in a cistern at her home. She was taken to the Toledo hospital Tuesday evening by Sheriff Fisher. Her friends hope her mind may soon be restored.

A VIOLENT COUGHING SPELL BRINGS UP BABY PIN

Swallowed by Celina Lady Half Dozen Years Ago While Dressing Little One.

Mrs. C. P. Schunck, wife of the well known Main street shoe merchant, and a sister of Ex-Auditor T. A. Weis, had the unusual and somewhat startling experience last Sunday evening of coughing up a small baby-pin which she had accidentally swallowed six years ago. Mrs. Schunck was at the time dressing her daughter, when, holding the pins in her mouth, she suddenly coughed one of the set. Physicians were unable to locate the pin, which had seemingly lodged somewhere in the throat. The pin was unhooked and this fact gave the family, relatives and friends much concern as to how serious it might prove.

Other than a slight irritation of the throat, however, she had not suffered. Two years after swallowing the pin, during a fit of coughing, she coughed up a small pearl, with which the pin was set.

At that time she had not given the incident much thought. Last week she took to her bed with an attack of the grip and had been coughing severely. Sunday evening she took a unusually hard coughing spell, and felt as though she was about to vomit. Instead, however, she emitted the pin and considerable blood.

Other than suffering from a slight irritation of the throat and a sore place on the left side of the chest, she seems to be none the worse for her strange experience, while relatives and close friends who remember the accidental swallowing are now being shown the pin, are rejoicing that no serious results came of the mishap.

Barber John Wenning and Miss Louise Wenning went to Fort Wayne, Ind., Tuesday evening to attend the funeral of their uncle, Frank Spittman, who was killed in a Pennsylvania railroad wreck near that city last week. Funeral services were held Wednesday morning.

The Ford car is everything that a man desires in the way of an automobile—handy, reliable, low in price, tough as a mule and speedy as a jack-rabbit.

He found that he was to go to Wah Foo, a trip of 500 miles, take command of a torpedo boat that had just been completed at the native shipyard there, and bring the boat around to Port Arthur.

"You're just the man I want for that," the admiral said. "We've had three torpedo boats built at Wah Foo, and each one has been lost on the way here—through the cursed ignorance of those Chinese officers or engineers. The coast is safe enough for a white man with sense—it's only those junk sailors who would get into trouble."

That afternoon Capt. Breck left for Wah Foo on the government railway, accompanied by George Barstow, formerly an officer on an English tramp, who was to act as the torpedo boat engineer. For three days they toiled along the line in stuffy cars drawn by a broken-down French locomotive, the vile fumes of the opium smoked by their fellow passengers, who chattered of the "foreign devils" and made faces at them behind their backs, together with the dreariness of the landscape, making them heartily sick of the journey before they had gone 100 miles.

Late at night they reached their destination, a squat, poverty-stricken little Chinese village near the coast. At the mud hut called a railway station they found two coolies waiting with a sedan chair. A wheelbarrow coolie took their luggage and they were carried through the dirty streets to the yamen of the viceroy, who was in charge of the dockyard where the boat they were to command had been built. They were shown to a room, tea and cigarettes were brought and their beds were pointed out, but they saw nothing of their host.

In the morning, however, a servant announced that it was the pleasure of the viceroy to meet them at breakfast, and the meal proved better than the general appearance of the yamen had led them to hope, while his excellency found to be a middle-aged Chinese man of very pleasant appearance, speaking good English. After breakfast, all went down to the shipyard to take a look at the boat. The yard was surrounded by a high wall whose locked and barred gate was opened to them by a huge north country coolie with a bunch of keys at his girdle.

As Breck and his companion stepped

CELINA WOMAN PREVENTS TRAGEDY

Flags L. E. & W. "Wild Cat" in Nick of Time, Saving Personal Liberty Bi-Product.

The presence of mind and quick action of Mrs. E. W. Wines, who resides just east of the Lake Erie tracks on East Market street, saved John Gerlach, an aged resident of near Chickasaw, the horrible fate of being ground beneath the wheels of a Lake Erie locomotive Tuesday afternoon about 3:30 o'clock. Gerlach had climbed too freely while in town and strayed out on Market street, probably not knowing where he was headed. As he attempted to cross the tracks he slipped and plunged headlong across the rails, where he lay and quivered, too far under the influence of booze to help himself. Mrs. Wines saw him fall and at the same time heard a train whistling in from the east. She ran to the railroad and excitedly waived her arms at the on-coming train, which, fortunately was a "wild-cat" which was not under control and stopped a few feet from the prostrate man. Had the train been a heavy one it could not have been stopped in time to have prevented another tragedy at that crossing, which has many to its credit. The trainmen jumped off and helped Gerlach to his feet and started him back towards town, little worse for his experience.

Some time after Gerlach was arrested at the Western Ohio Station unable to navigate properly and locked up at the city jail. Wednesday morning he was taken before his honor, who gave him \$1 and cost for drunkenness.

THE GRIM REAPER

Herman Pulschke, Aged 52

Herman Pulschke, senior member of the firm of H. & J. Pulschke, furniture dealers and funeral directors, and one of the foremost business men of this city, died at his home on East Fayette street shortly after the noon hour last Sunday, following a brief illness of pneumonia.

Deceased was born in Cincinnati, August 25, 1859. When a child he came with his parents to this county, settling at Maria Stein. He came to this city in 1876 and was employed at the Wm. Cron shops as a wagon-maker. In 1889, with his cousin, Joe Pulschke, he started a furniture store, continuing in that business until his demise.

Mr. Pulschke was united in marriage to Catherine Hein, in this city, September 6, 1881, and the widow with four children—Fred, Otto, Clara and Nora—survive. Besides his immediate family, he is survived by one sister, Mrs. Catherine Goetze, of Maria Stein, and five brothers—Dr. Bernard Pulschke, of Rome City, Ind.; Geo. F. Pulschke, of the Celina Stearns Co.; John B. Pulschke, of the Commercial Bank, and Edward H. Pulschke, of the Stearns Co. plant.

He was a member of the Catholic Knights of Ohio, the St. Joseph's and German Aid societies.

Funeral services were held at the Catholic Church Wednesday morning.

Mrs. Mary Heckman, Aged 71

Mrs. Mary Heckman, aged 71 years, one of the pioneer residents of the south end of the county, died at her home near Carthage on the 15th inst., after a short illness of heart trouble. Deceased was born at Cassella in 1841, and had lived her entire life in this county. On the 16th of last July Mr. and Mrs. Heckman

upon the torpedo boat, which was moored to a wharf near the boat shop, they noticed that their arrival had apparently been awaited, as there was fire under the boilers, smoke poured from the funnels and everything on deck was lashed snug, ready for sea. Barstow, eager to enter upon his new dominion, dove below into the engine room, while Breck and the Chinese mandarin inspected the other parts of the craft. She was a very trim little boat, built after a Herreshoff model and provided with triple-expansion engines of American make. Her armament consisted of two one-pounder rapid-fire guns, one mounted atop the tiny wheel turret forward and the other abaft the funnels, together with a stationary torpedo tube built into the forward end of the boat. The deck was covered with canvas, which, together with the whole boat, had been given a couple of coats of olive colored paint. She had accommodations forward for five men and her cabin was elegantly fitted up for two officers. Altogether she looked a craft that any man would be proud to command, and Breck was instantly captivated with it. As he and the viceroy came on deck from a final look at the cabin, Barstow appeared below with the report that all was going nicely in his department, with prospect of steam enough for a start within an hour.

Breck was anxious to see the ship that had turned out so creditable a piece of work, and as there was nothing immediate to require the presence of himself and his engineer on board, he turned to the viceroy with the question:

"Would your excellency be so kind as to take us through your shops?"

The change that came over the bland and smiling face of the Chinese man at these simple words was strange and startling. His almond eyes took on a look of malignant suspicion and he glared at Breck and Barstow with the air of a dog about to be robbed of a bone. It was only for a moment. Then the viceroy remembered himself, forced a smile, and said with an apologetic air:

"Pardon me, gentlemen, for refusing you, but I am having secret tests made in the shops that strange eyes may not observe, even though they belong

celebrated their golden wedding anniversary. Her husband, two sons and one daughter survive. Funeral services were held at the Carthage Catholic church Monday morning.

Mrs. S. M. Burnett, Aged 54

Mrs. S. M. Burnett, aged 54 years, died at her home at Rockford a week ago last night, following an illness of several months of cancer. Deceased was born in Fayette county, June 18, 1857. In June, 1878, she was united in marriage to S. M. Burnett, the well known Rockford contractor. They first resided at Van Wert, but moved to Rockford in 1886. She is survived by her husband and three children—Mrs. Lawrence Binkley, of Cecil, Edgar, of St. Louis, Mo., and Howard, living at home.

Funeral services were held Sunday morning at Olive Chapel Church, Van Wert county, Rev. Gerlach of the Rockford Presbyterian Church saying the last sad rites.

F. A. Murphy, Aged 45

Frank A. Murphy, until a few years ago a well known resident of this city, died at the Murphy home on East Livingston street early last Friday morning of diabetes, with which he had long been a sufferer.

The deceased was a son of the late John A. Murphy, a veteran of the civil war, and was born in this city June 1, 1866. He is survived by his wife and a young son.

For a number of years Mr. Murphy had charge of the Ashley Hotel in this city, but since his departure it has been in the theatrical business, managing the Moray Stock, of which his wife and young son were members. He had been in failing health for some time, and two weeks ago his condition became so serious that the season was brought to abrupt end at Canyon, Tex. He immediately left with his wife and son for his old home here, where they were in hopes a rest might benefit him.

He was a member of the Masonic order, and the brethren of this city participated in the funeral services, which were conducted by Rev. Chas. Bennett at the Church last Sunday morning.

CUPID'S VICTIMS

Myers—Dumbauld

Attorney Burl A. Myers, of this city, senior member of Myers & Myers, and one of the Democratic candidates for Prosecuting Attorney, was quietly united in marriage to Miss Carrie Dumbauld, of Ft. Recovery in that village, last Sunday at high noon.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. Rainsberger of the Ft. Recovery M. E. Church, at the bride's home. The attendants were Miss Hazel Dumbauld, sister of the bride and Orel J. Myers, brother of the groom. The bride is a highly accomplished and winsome young lady, a graduate of the Fort Recovery schools, and for several years a teacher in the schools there. Following the ceremony a sumptuous dinner was served at the Dumbauld home. In the afternoon the young couple came to this city. They are now at home to their many friends in a cozy home recently erected on North Main street.

LUTHERAN CHURCH SERVICES

Rev. Reitz announces services for the congregations under his charge as follows: Celina—Sunday-school, 12:45 p. m.; German service, 2 p. m.; English Vesper service, 7 p. m.

English Lenten service Wednesday, February 25, at 7 p. m.

The public is kindly invited to attend these services.

Hopewell—Sunday-school at 9 a. m.; German service, 10 a. m.

Every roll of wall paper at the NUN-GESTER DRUG CO.

In the wheel house Breck found charts of the coast, evidently copied by a Chinese artist from those of the British admiralty. On one of them he soon located Wah Foo, and found that it lay about six miles from the mouth of a river. He spent some time in plotting out a course to Port Arthur, and when about four o'clock, Barstow announced somewhat impatiently that everything had long been ready for a start, he ordered the five coolies to cast off. The tide was on the ebb, and as the boat swung away from the wharf toward the center of the river, he gave the signal for starting the engines. She answered her helm beautifully, and the engines, at half speed, sent her through the water at an easy gait of ten miles an hour. The shores widened as they glided down towards the river's mouth, and shortly the towering white caps showed the open sea. As Breck looked about to get his bearings, he thought he made out the smoke of a vessel outside the bar, and a pair of binoculars proved that he was right. A small gunboat, flying Japanese colors, was steaming across outside, evidently on patrol.

At this unexpected development—Breck had not known that the blockade had been extended as far as Wah Foo—he thought best to confer with Barstow, and ringing for quarter speed ran in under the weather shore and ordered the anchor to be let go.

"What do you think of that?" he said to the engineer, whom the rattle of the cable in the hawse-hole had brought on deck. "Had we better attempt to run the blockade now, or wait for darkness?"

"Wait, by all means. Besides, I've got a hot bearing that a couple of hours' rest will cure."

With a skirlish in prospect should they be discovered in the darkness, Breck set the coolies at work to get things in readiness for action, and they soon had a half-dozen boxes of the one-pounder shells on deck in a convenient but sheltered place. With the thoroughness of his American training, Breck tested the caliber of one of his shells. It fitted perfectly the bore of the gun, and he was about to replace it in its box, when it slipped and fell to the deck. After

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INSTANTLY KILLED BY FALL FROM TREE

Lewis Puthoff, Popular Young St. Henry Man, Meets Tragic Fate While Hunting.

Lewis Puthoff, of St. Henry, was instantly killed in a woods near Cassella last Monday evening, when he fell from a tree while out coon hunting.

In company with Henry and Tony Keveler and George Miller, also of St. Henry, Mr. Puthoff had gone to the Henry Evers woods on a coon hunting expedition. He had climbed to the top of a big tree to route a coon, and was coming down when a limb to which he was clinging suddenly snapped and he fell to the ground, a distance of about forty feet. Death was instantaneous, his neck, back, arms and several ribs being broken and his body otherwise badly bruised and mangled by the fall.

The Schmitt ambulance was called from St. Henry and the remains taken to their undertaking establishment, where they were prepared for burial before being removed to the home of his widowed mother.

Mr. Puthoff was 27 years of age and single. For a number of years past he had worked on the Cincinnati Northern Railroad as a section hand and supported his mother, with whom he lived. He was a brother of Mrs. Julius Gardner, residing near this city. Five other sisters and a brother also survive him.

COSTLY FIRE AT COLDMATER

Only Heroic Work Saved a Number of Buildings—Stocks Badly Damaged.

A disastrous fire of unknown origin completely destroyed two buildings, while smoke and water badly damaged four others, at an early hour blaze at Coldmater yesterday morning.

Owing to the fact that the telephone exchange was located in the building in which the fire started, and was completely burned out, it was almost noon before the extent of the damage was learned here, word then coming over the Lake Erie telegraph wires.

The loss is estimated at \$15,000, with but little insurance. The burned and damaged buildings are owned by J. J. Birkmeyer, Frank Rosenbeck, Wm. Wagner, Mrs. Wm. Feltzer and Fred Hehmer, and were occupied by the telephone exchange, Birkmeyer's barber shop, Rosenbeck's saloon, Wagner saloon and pool room, Schockman's grocery, Kohn's clothing store, Rosenbeck's meat market and the Wagner tailor shop.

GAVE THEIR FRIENDS A SURPRISE
Grover Reynolds and Miss Bessie Leininger, well known young people of this city, greatly surprised relatives and friends yesterday by the announcement of their marriage, which occurred at Jackson, Mich., Dec. 1.

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THE GREAT WHITE PLAGUE.

Three Important Facts About Tuberculosis.

Tuberculosis is curable.
Tuberculosis is communicable.
Tuberculosis is preventable.
These are the most important facts worthy of the widest circulation especially since contrary ideas prevail.
Universal prevention and cure of this disease will come only when there is universal effort against it.

Watch for the Ford stunts.

For Dyspepsia

You Risk no Money if You Try This Remedy

We want every one troubled with indigestion and dyspepsia to come to our store and obtain a box of Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets. They contain Bismuth-Subnitrate and Pepsin carefully combined so as to develop their greatest power to overcome digestive disturbance.

Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets are very pleasant to take. They tend to soothe the irritable, weak, stomach, to strengthen and invigorate the digestive organs, to relieve nausea and indigestion, thus promoting nutrition and bringing about a feeling of comfort.

If you give Rexall Dyspepsia Tablets a reasonable trial you will return your money if you are not satisfied with the result. Three sizes, 25 cents, 50 cents, and \$1.00. Remember, you can obtain Rexall Remedies only at our store—Nungesser Drug Co., 102 S. Main street Celina, Ohio.

For calks use Hanford's Balsam.

PLUMS FALL TO FORMER YOUNG CELINA DOCTOR

The many friends and acquaintances of Dr. John E. Johnson, a former Celina boy, and son of the late Clerk of Courts L. N. Johnson, now practicing medicine at Lima, will be pleased to learn of his appointment last week as physician for the Allen County infirmary and his reappointment as a member of the staff of physicians of the Lima hospital.

DELICATE OPERATION SUCCESSFULLY UNDERGONE

Mrs. Otto Witten, East Market street, underwent an operation at the Mt. Carmel hospital, Columbus, last Monday for relief from inward goitre, she withstood the operation well, and her husband, who returned home yesterday, reports that she is getting along nicely. Her sister, Mrs. Ed Merkle, East Market street, is still at Columbus with her.

WANTS \$10,000 FOR LOSS OF HAND

Alleging Defendant's Machinery Was Illy Guarded—Other Court Doings.

A ten thousand dollar damage suit was filed in Common Pleas court last week by J. H. Schwallier of Coldwater against the New Idea Spreader Works, also of that village. The plaintiff states in his petition that while employed in the above factory three years ago he lost his left hand, the result of having it caught in a planing machine which he was operating. He claims that the accident was the result of negligence on the part of the company in not providing proper safety guards to the machine as ordered by the Bureau of Inspection of Factories.

The Common Pleas petit jury hearing the case of E. W. Miller against Peter Zenz, returned a verdict Tuesday afternoon in favor of the plaintiff for \$92.50. The action grew out of Zenz shooting several of Miller's horses, which had several times broken into Zenz's fields and trampled down his wheat. Miller asked damages for injury to his horses in the sum of \$500.

Judge Layton on the 15th inst., granted a divorce to Cecil Walters, of Rockford, from her husband, Harley Walters, on the grounds of willful absence and gross neglect of duty.

The court also confirmed the appraisal of the commissioners in the case of Catherine Schweitzerman et al vs. J. J. Meinerting et al. Plaintiffs elected to take the real estate at appraisal and same was awarded to them.

Attorney J. D. Johnson was appointed by Judge Layton as receiver in the case of Paul Junod vs. Ira E. Wagner.

The court assigned the case of C. H. Rockwell against Jacob Link et al, for trial on next Monday, the 26th.

The court approved the appraisal of the Commissioners in the suit of Minnie M. Huber against Clarence H. Holloper et al, and ordered the sale of the real estate.

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